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## PREFACE

SINCE the publication in December 1958 by the Trustees of the British Museum of *The Banks Letters* in which over 7,000 letters were calendared, a number of further letters has become available.

Of the 139 letters summarized in the present publication, there are four important series, viz.: (1) 38 letters from Banks to the antiquary Francis Douce, in the Bodleian Library ; (2) 28 letters from Banks to the second Earl Spencer, in preserved in the Muniment Room at Althorp, Northamptonshire, (3) 26 letters from Banks to Dawson Turner, in the Library of Trinity College, Cambridge; and (4) 16 letters from Banks to Matthew Flinders and his wife, now in the possession of Miss A. Flinders Petrie.

Several letters are included from copies of which the originals are in American Libraries ; there is also a small series relating to the appointment of a Chaplain to Banks whilst holding the office of High Sheriff of Lincolnshire in 1794, which were originally in the Evidence Room at Revesby Abbey. The remainder are miscellaneous in character, and among them are ten letters which were inadvertently passed over when *The Banks Letters* was in preparation.

The thanks of the Trustees are due to the Keeper of Western Manuscripts, Bodleian Library, to the present Earl Spencer, to the Librarian of Trinity College, Cambridge, and to Miss Petrie for their kind permission to include in this Supplement the four series of letters mentioned above

The method of presentation in this Supplement is the same as that of *The Banks Letters*, but to several of the letters, or groups of letters, I have added some explanatory notes. Letters marked with an asterisk are those written by Banks himself.

**ALLAN, Thomas, F.R.S. (1777-1833)** Mineralogist.

1. Soho Square, 1819 July 31.\* Sympathises with the preference for a Scotsman for a Chair in Edinburgh University ; he has pleasant recollections of the literati of Edinburgh he met during his stay there in 1773 ; Babbage, a young mathematician has gone there in the hope that [John] Leslie would be appointed to the Chair of Natural Philosophy thereby vacating that of Mathematics for which he is a candidate ; the prospects of [Thomas] Jackson of St. Andrew's for the Chair of Natural Philosophy. [The Brentford postmark shows that this letter,

though dated from Soho Square, was written at Spring Grove. The letter is addressed to "Thomas Allene or Allen." The original is in the Library of Lehigh University, Bethlehem, Penn.]

*Dawson MS. 46. 105.*

The Chair of Natural Philosophy at Edinburgh became vacant on the death of John Playfair in 1819, and John Leslie, who was already Professor of Mathematics, was the successful candidate. Leslie's candidature for the Chair in 1805 was opposed by the Church Party owing to his supposed heterodox views, but he was nevertheless duly appointed. (See *B.L.* pp. 531-532, Nos. 8-11). Jackson mentioned in the letter, was Professor of Natural Philosophy at St. Andrew's. William Wallace succeeded Leslie in the Chair of Mathematics for which Charles Babbage was a candidate. In his *Passages from the life of a Philosopher*, 1864, Babbage says, (p. 474) : "In 1819 the Professorship of Mathematics was vacant by the death of Playfair and the succession of Professor Leslie to his chair. I immediately became a candidate and received testimony of my fitness from Lacroix, Biot and Laplace. These communications, though gratifying to myself, were useless for the object. Not being a Scot, I was rejected at Edinburgh."

**BELL, Thomas John.** (1759-1819) Town Clerk of Lincoln. (*B.L.* p. 44).

7. Soho Square. 1794 Feb. 26.\* Considers his cousin, the Rev. George Filmer, the most suitable person to be his Chaplain [during his office of High Sheriff] ; failing Filmer, he suggests the Rev. Robert Chaplin or his brother William, to whom he has written ; if all of these fail, he requests Bell to find a Chaplain.

*B.M. (N.H.) Banks Corr. 184.*

Banks was appointed High Sheriff of Lincolnshire rather unexpectedly and out of turn. The reason was the desire of the Corporation to have a strong man in office to deal with the Militia and the defence problems of the county. The Rev. G. Filmer's relationship was probably on the side of Lady Banks as the Filmers were a Kentish family. The name does not occur in the Pedigree of the Banks Family, (*Dawson MS. 47.3.*) The Rev. Robert Chaplin (d. 1839), was a member of the well-known Lincolnshire family of which the present Viscount Chaplin is a descendant. (See *B.L.* p. 212, and insert there the dates of Charles Chaplin, 1759-1821). The Rev. William Chaplin, a younger brother of Robert, was Rector of Raithby and died in 1835.

**BLIGH, William,** F.R.S. (1754-1817) Naval Officer. (See *B.L.* pp. 106-108.)

24. Soho Square. 1787 Nov. 15.\* Informs Bligh that one pound of arsenic is sufficient to destroy all the rats and cockroaches on the voyage if properly economized, but if his officers do not know how to administer it in sufficiently small quantities, 2 lbs. should be amply sufficient.

*B.M. (N.H.) Banks Corr. 183.*

This letter is one of the many that passed between Banks and Bligh during the long period when the *Bounty* was awaiting favourable weather to sail. Most of these letters are in the Mitchell Library, Sydney.



**BROUGHAM, Henry Peter, Baron Brougham and Vaux, F.R.S.** (1778–1868).  
Lord Chancellor. (See *B.L.* p. 154.)

6. Soho Square. 1799 July 21.\* Replies to queries as to the weather when Banks visited the Western Isles and Iceland in the *Sir Lawrence* [in 1772]; it was uniformly fine; sailors have a dread of being captured by the French and the harsh treatment they receive; he concludes that Brougham has quite made up his mind to attempt the voyage in spite of the dangers on the coast of Norway; recommends a tour of Sweden for its mineralogical and other scientific interest, and also a visit to Denmark though he knows little of that Kingdom. [The original is in New York Public Library. T. B. Myers Coll. 2285].

*Dawson MS. N.B.* 179. 3–4.

7. Revesby Abbey. [1799. Sept. or Oct.]\* Having few friends in the countries Brougham intends to visit, he cannot help with letters of introduction; urges him to postpone the journey on account of the health of his aged father, but if he persists, he will give Br. letters to Archbishop Troil of Stockholm and to [Peter Simon] Pallas of St. Petersburg. [The original is in New York Public Library, T. B. Myers Coll. 2287].

*Dawson MS. N.B.* 179. 4 vo.

Brougham had evidently asked Banks for information respecting a tour he proposed to make in Northern Europe. In the first letter the name of the ship in which Banks made his expedition to Iceland in 1772 is mentioned. I found it for the first time in the passport issued by the Danish Government through Diede von Fürstenstein in London, dated 2 July, 1772 (*B.L.* p. 260). The document is in Latin, and the ship is named in the heading of the list of persons in Bank's party in the following terms:

"Designatio omnium comitum generosi Josephi Banks, Armigeri, cujus sumptibus Navis, Laurentius dicta, & per Navarcham Johannem Hunter vehenda, instructa est."

The name of the ship is nowhere stated in the various biographies of Banks. In his letter to Brougham Banks gives it as "Sir Lawrence" whereas in the passport it is called simply "Laurence." The first port of call was Plymouth and *Lloyd's List* of 28 July 1772 reports a vessel "St. Lawrence", Master Hunter, arriving at Plymouth on 24 July and sailing for Iceland next day. *Lloyd's Agent* may have written "Sir", in the manner usual at the time, as "S<sup>r</sup>", which was mistaken for "St." by the printer.

**BROWN, Robert, F.R.S.** (1773–1858) Botanist. (See *B.L.* p. 172.)

15. Sydney. 1803 Aug. 6. This long dispatch, (10 pp.), deals mainly with the following subjects:—Has written twice since July, 1802, from Cumberland Island and from Timor; Capt. Flinders is to return to England for another ship to finish his survey; he (Brown) and Bauer, (*B.L.* p. 39) will remain but Allen will return home; death of Peter Good from dysentery; plans for botanical exploration

during the absence of Flinders ; results so far in Zoology and Mineralogy have been poor ; of plants, about 2000 species have been observed of which 700 or 800 are new ; describes his method of writing descriptions of which about 1600 are done ; is sending only a few plants by *Porpoise* in one puncheon, the rest, packed in two puncheons, will follow by the first opportunity ; the garden, [i.e. living plants], is embarked in *Porpoise*, containing what is left of that in *Investigator* which suffered severely ; has sent lists and boxes of seeds, some of which are for Kew ; difficulties in obtaining proper boxes have led to using puncheons which are not wholly satisfactory ; specimens on board during the cruise suffered much from mice and insects ; anatomical details of Monotremata ; difficulty of procuring a gardener to take charge of living plants ; requires a new supply of botanical paper ; Bauer will give an account of his activities in drawing ; [William] Westall is returning with a small collection of plants, birds and shells. [Received by Banks 14 Aug. 1804 ; follows *B.L.* 173, No. 7].

*B.M. Add. MS.* 32439, 104-108.

16. Sydney. 1803 Sept. 14. Announces loss of *Porpoise* and of all the collections on board except boxes of seeds some of which may still be serviceable ; the lost garden comprized the best specimens, of some of which there are fortunately duplicates ; hopes for an opportunity of visiting Van Diemen's Land and Norfolk Island ; a new species of *Didelphis* has been found of which James Inman, [1776-1859, Astronomer to the expedition], has two living animals which he hopes to send home, but if they die anatomical examination will be made ; observations of the *Hystrix*, [*Echidna*] ; has procured boxes from the wreck of *Porpoise* in which to raise living plants. [Draft or copy with many corrections, deletions and interlineations. Follows *B.L.* p. 173, No. 7]

*B.M. Add. MS.* 32439, 131-132.

17. [Sydney 1805] — — Sends as desired particulars of the death of Peter Good who succumbed to dysentery, 11 June, 1803 ; his effects have been sold, excepting his papers which are now in his, (R.B.'s) possession ; W. T. Aiton is his executor, his will having been made before he left England.

*B.M. Add. MS.* 32439, 100.

The foregoing three letters of Robert Brown were inadvertently omitted from the series in *B.L.* pp. 172-174.

**CARLISLE, Sir Anthony, F.R.S.** (1768-1840) Surgeon. (See *B.L.* p. 201.)

5. *Revesby Abbey*. 1808 Oct. 23.\* Although he has a high opinion of C.'s talents and ability, he would not venture to recommend to the Royal Academy any person for an office for which the qualifications are best judged by members of the [medical] profession ; he will always testify as to C's talents when it can be done without creating invidious comparison with other deserving persons. [Original in the Library of the American Philosophical Society of Philadelphia].

*Dawson MS.* 46. 101.

Carlisle was a candidate for the Professorship of Anatomy at the Royal Academy of Arts. There were three candidates, all well-known anatomists—Joshua Brookes, Carlisle and Charles Bell. The minutes of the General Assembly of the R.A. of 3 Dec. 1808 read as follows :—

“It being the Day appointed to elect a Professor in Anatomy in the room of Jno. Sheldon, Esq. Deceased—Proceeded to the Election. Candidates Joshua Brooks, Anthony Carlisle & Charles Bell Esq<sup>rs</sup>

“ The President then declared Ant<sup>y</sup> Carlisle duly Elected Professor in Anatomy in the Royal Academy.”

**CHAPLIN, Rev. Robert.** (d. 1839) Vicar of Tathwell.

1. [*Soho Square*. 1794 Feb. 26]\* Having been appointed rather suddenly to the office of High Sheriff, he is informed by Bell that it is necessary to nominate a Chaplain ; in view of the long friendship between their families, he requests Chaplin to undertake the office ; in case C. is unable to accept, requests that he should ask his brother William to do so ; the matter is urgent as the sermon has to be preached on 9 March.

*B.M. (N.H.) Banks Corr.* 185.

See the remarks s.v. T. J. Bell, above.

**DOUCE, Francis F.S.A.** (1757-1854) Antiquary.

1. *Soho Square*. 1808 Jan. 3.\* [Dated in error 1807]. Acknowledges gift of D.'s work, [*Illustrations of Shakespeare*, 2 vols. 1807] and encloses a commentary on certain passages.

*Bodleian MS. Douce* d. 21. 75.

2. [*Soho Square*. 1808 Jan. 3]\* Enclosure in No. 1, headed “ Memorandums on Reading M<sup>r</sup> Douce's very interesting illustrations 1807-1808. Commentary on 30 passages containing many valuable observations. (4 pp. folio).

*MS. Douce* d. 29. 61-62.

3. *Soho Square*. [1808] Mar. 6.\* Thanks D. for his appreciation of the commentary ; criticizes two statements made by Stephen Weston on phrases used by Shakespeare.

*MS. Douce* d. 29. 59.

4. Soho Square. [1808] Mar. 24.\* He has kept so long the *Novae Narrationes*, [an early law book, printed twice by Pynson in undated editions and then by Tottill in 1561], as he wished to consult Dr. [Maxwell] Garthshore as to the meaning of a certain gynae-cological term ; rape in Common Law and its interpretation.  
*MS. Douce d. 29. 42-43.*
  
5. Soho Square. 1808 Apr. 16\* Returns the book of Randle Holm, [*Academy of Armoury*, 1688], and comments on his mention of caterpillars and the ducking-stool ; a dialogue attributed to Gervase of Tilbury, [early 13th century].  
*MS. Douce d. 21. 163.*
  
6. Soho Square. [1808] Dec. 14.\* Apologises for not returning a letter as it had been hidden in his drawer by Dr. Robert Brown and only just found ; he has sought in vain for the word Pavade ; description of tippets and hoods ; considers Pavise and Pavade to be unrelated words ; etymology of Bodkin—a poignard carried in a pouch.  
*M.S. Douce d. 29. 54.*
  
7. Soho Square. [1808] Dec. 15.\* He wishes to censure the Dean and Chapter of Lincoln for selling the lead of two spires and the books in the library of the Cathedral ; he cannot induce D. to accept his reading of Pavade ; considers the word Bedel or Beadle was degraded in popular language to mean Executioner ; Costrell Cups and their ceremonial carriage by pages or soldiers.  
*MS. Douce d. 29. 37-38.*
  
8. Soho Square. [1809 Jan.?]\* [Dated “ Sunday Morn.”]. Long discussion of the nature and uses of hoods and tippets in medieval dress, quoting Chaucer, Holm and Knighton ; the corresponding female hood was called a Liripipe, [Liripoops], and gives instances of the use of the word.  
*MS. Douce d. 29. 44-45.*
  
9. Soho Square. [1809] Feb. 16.\* Thanks D. for correcting his wrong impression that the Clopir was the cover of a cup, and is now satisfied that it is the same as Claquette or Castagnette ; further discussion of Hoods and Liripoops ; believes the “ calle ” which covered the head of Elizabeth [of York] when she married Henry VII to be a caul or cowl.  
*MS. Douce d. 29. 47.*



10. Soho Square. [1809] Mar. 19.\* Informs D. that a letter-book of Lord Capel when Lord Lieutenant [Lord Justice, 1693] of Ireland is for sale by the bookseller Denley ; the book formerly belonged to Richard Oldworth.  
*MS. Douce d. 29. 40.*
11. Soho Square. [1809?] Apr. 16.\* Returns a book of which his sister has a copy ; she will be happy if D. will call to inspect her Archery collections and compare notes.  
*MS. Douce d. 29. 55.*
12. [Soho Square. 1809?—]\* Returns D.'s books by his sister, being unwilling to entrust them to any other hand ; thanks D. for his correction of the meaning of Clopir. [End missing.]  
*MS. Douce d. 29. 58.*
13. Soho Square. [1809?—][From Miss Banks, dated " Saturday "]. Returns a book (not named) and asks for the next two volumes ; begs to keep R. Brooke a little longer. [Sir Robert Brooke, *La Grande Abridgement*, 1576].  
*MS. Douce d. 29. 30.*
14. Soho Square. 1809 Dec. 7.\* Returns thanks for the loan of " a curious paper ", not specified.  
*MS. Douce d. 21.240.*
15. Soho Square. [1810] Apr. 13.\* Mentions the occurrence of Mazer Cups in the Hundred Rolls ; he is informed by Dryander that Mazur in Swedish and Danish signifies wood that has grown into knots or bosses ; he has seen a chest and other objects made from elm-knots which were highly valued.  
*MS. Douce d. 29.35-36.*
16. Soho Square. 1810 Apr. 22.\* Encloses a letter from the Dean of York on Mazer Bowls ; he suggests that in Shakespeare's time the word had been corrupted into Measure.  
*MS. Douce d. 22.12.*
17. Soho Square. 1810 Dec. 10.\* Discusses the portion of mediæval dress known as Cod Pisses, [Codpieces] and an analogous portion of feminine dress.  
*MS. Douce d. 22. 33.*
18. Spring Grove. 1813 Oct. 2.\* Describes the microscopical observations of Baron Munchausen who claims to have found living animalcules in an infusion of grain, which are really Fungi ; by other experiments he sought to prove that the seeds of Fungi are " animated eggs " which produce living animalcules turning when dead into vegetable form ; he (B.) himself once

assisted in experiments made by [George] Fordyce which aimed at demonstrating that mushrooms were "animalized vegetables", but as cabbage leaves gave similar results, he attributed the animal element to the manure on which both had been raised and "this most incredible metamorphosis of animal into vegetable" was contradicted.

*MS. Douce d. 22. 135-136*

19. Soho Square. [1816] June 16\* Doubts Trandelle's proficiency in English as he translates Gallimenfry [Gallimawfrey] into Paste en Pot ; discusses the meanings of Aventoil, Attercop and Ber.

*MS. Douce d. 29. 33-34.*

20. Spring Grove. 1816 Aug. 31\* Comments on the use of the word Woe in a passage of Shakespeare, [*Two Gentlemen of Verona*, Act. ii, Sc. 4] and interprets it by the language of carters to their horses.

*MS. Douce d. 23. 13-14.*

21. Spring Grove. 1816 Oct. 24\* Discusses the etymology and meaning of various words from the root Ber, Bar.

*MS. Douce d. 23. 20-21.*

22. Spring Grove. 1816 Dec. 30\* Remarks on the word Sterling as applied to weights and to coinage and derives it from the Flemish Esterling ; there was early intercourse with Antwerp for which, from the time of King John the port was Boston, which had the privilege of being governed by its own officer ; the Mark as a division of the Pound Sterling.

*MS. Douce d. 23. 34-35.*

23. [Soho Square. 1817 Mar. 8]\* Comments on a print by Tempesta representing a duck-decoy, [in Antonio Tempesta, *Il primo libro di chacce di Ucelli*, Rome, 4 Nov. 1598] ; it commits certain errors, "evidently a Poetical Licence" ; the situation of the Piccadilly gaming-house.

*MS. Douce d. 29. 50-51.*

24. [Soho Square. [1817] Mar. 11.\* Describes a map by T. Porter in the library of the Society of Antiquaries showing the position of the Piccadilly house.

*MS. Douce d. 29. 32.*

25. Soho Square. [1817] Mar. 12.\* Further remarks on decoys and on the wearing of ruffs in England ; the Piccadilly house was famous for a kind of pastry known as Puffs.

*MS. Douce d. 29. 31.*



26. Soho Square. 1818 May 13\* Returns thanks for the loan of his (D.'s) copy of Minsheu, [*Guide into Tongues*, 1617] with its MS. annotations which he suggests are the author's own, made in preparation for a new edition.

*MS. Douce d. 23. 84.*

27. Soho Square. [1818] Sept. 11.\* Sends a wooden butt to be fitted to the angling rod for Gudgeon-fishing ; describes its purpose and use whereby two fishes can sometimes be caught at one pull.

*MS. Douce d. 29. 48.*

28. Soho Square. 1818 Dec. 3\* Requests permission to call upon D. to inspect his Chinese mythological drawings.

*MS. Douce d. 23. 112.*

29. Soho Square. 1819 Jan. 27\* [Dated in error 1818] Requests the loan of D.'s Chinese roll as he has invited to breakfast a man well versed in the language who may be able to supply useful information concerning it.

*MS. Douce d. 23. 72.*

30. Soho Square. 1819 June 17.\* Returns a book (not named) and apologizes for delay in sending it.

*MS. Douce d. 23. 137.*

31. Soho Square. 1819 July 3\* Regrets he is unable to use his influence in promoting the appointment of D.'s friend (not named), as the office he seeks is purely legal and the appointment is made by the Treasury after consulting the Law Officers, and his recommendation would be impotent when opposed to the Lord Chancellor, the Master of the Rolls, etc.; their late mutual friend (not named) who previously held the office did not seek his (B.'s) interference, and had he done so, it would have been in vain "in order to prevent the interference of Science with Black Letter Patronage."

*MS. Douce d. 23. 143-144.*

32. Spring Grove [1819] Sept. 6.\* [Not in B.'s handwriting]. Invitation from Sir Joseph and Lady Banks to Mr. and Mrs. Douce to dinner, offering to send their carriage to convey them.

*MS. Douce d. 29. 39.*

33. Soho Square [1820?] Jan. 13\* Leland states that in the Act 20 Richard II that recalled from Ireland Belknap, [Robert de Bealknap], Holt and Bergh ; the three man are styled Knights of the Bath ; asks if this designation is correct, for if so, it is the earliest instance of the title K.B.; supposed derivation of the word Bawdy from Baudrier.

*MS. Douce d. 29. 41.*

## UNDATED LETTERS

34. [Dated " Sunday afternoon "]\* The game of Pall Mall described by Cotgrave, [Randle Cotgrave, *French and English Dictionary*, London, 1660] ; quotes instances of a specialized use of the word Lightly from Tusser, Stowe and others.  
MS. Douce d. 29. 46.
35. [Dated " Wednesday morn."]\* The Greater Cursing of the Church in St. Paul's, Canterbury, and its mention in Ridley, [*View of Civile and Ecclesiastical Law*, 1607], also its connection with the words Housel and Unhouselled.  
MS. Douce d. 29. 47.
36. [Dated " Thursday Even "]\* Returns books lent and comments on the words Buxome and Strophe ; is pleased that his citation of Cursing was new to D. ; sends Wilkinson's edition of Juvenal, 1641.  
MS. Douce d. 29. 56.
37. Soho Square. [Dated " Tuesday "]\* Requests the loan of D.'s Chinese roll. [See above, Nos. 28, 29].  
MS. Douce d. 29. 52.
38. [Soho Square]\* He desires to see the inventory of the plate seized by the Barons when Piers Gaveston was imprisoned ; asks for the loan of books that may give information for which he sends his Library assistant to bring them safely.  
MS. Douce d. 29. 53.

There are no known letters from Douce to Banks : there was none in the sale of the Banks correspondence in 1886, and it must therefore be supposed that Banks kept these letters on antiquarian subjects in a separate file and did not incorporate them with his general correspondence. If such a file existed, it has, like many others, been lost.

In the present series there are 37 letters and one enclosure, considerable numbers of which are not dated at all, or only partially dated. Of these many can be exactly dated by internal and other evidence, some approximately, and others not at all. The earliest dated letter in the series is dated 3 Jan. 1807, but this is obviously a slip for 1808. Banks frequently makes such an error early in a new year, retaining the previous year-date out of habit.

During the last years of his life when he was often confined to his chair by ill-health, Banks seems to have amused himself with antiquarian studies, particularly with the meaning and etymology of ancient and obsolete words.

## FILMER, Rev. George.

1. Soho Square. 1794 Feb. 26.\* Having been appointed rather suddenly to the Office of High Sheriff, he overlooked the appointment of a Chaplain and requests F. to undertake it in view of the relationship and friendship of their respective families ; the matter is urgent as the sermon must be preached on 9 March.  
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**FLINDERS, Anne**, née Chappell. (d. 1852). Wife of Matthew Flinders.

1. Soho Square. 1804 June 9.\* He is quite at a loss to conjecture the manner in which Capt. F. fell into the hands of the French ; from such papers he has seen he presumes the sequence of events from the time of the return of *Investigator* from Timor to Port Jackson, when the ship was condemned as unserviceable : Capt. F. then embarked in *Porpoise* intending to return to England, but when that ship was wrecked, he took passage in another bound for England, and that ship was seized in the Isle de France ; he hopes and expects that Capt. F. will be well treated and exchanged before long ; he is most anxious for his safety, but " his Present Misfortune is one of the calamities of war which you & I must bear with as much patience as we can muster."

*Petrie* <8>

2. Soho Square. 1805 Apr. 29.\* He wishes he were able to give any account of Capt. F., but will communicate any information he can obtain ; as he has succeeded in procuring the release of several English prisoners, he has applied for leave to approach his scientific friends in France ; letters were accordingly sent by Prince Pignatelli who undertook to deliver them in Paris ; the letters were delayed in the Prince's baggage at Rotterdam until February and it was not until 10 April that an answer was received ; he had almost lost hope through these long delays when he learned on 5 March that the National Institute of France had unanimously resolved to make a recommendation to the Minister of Marine for F.'s liberation ; this has renewed hope and he will immediately communicate the result when known.

*Petrie* <9>

3. Soho Square. 1806 Aug. 6.\* He has great pleasure in announcing that by a letter from Paris he learns that orders have been issued for the liberation of Capt. F. and that his arrival in England may be expected in due course, but it cannot be soon on account of the great distance ; he hopes he will obtain a passage in an American vessel.

*Petrie* <10>

4. Soho Square. 1806 Dec. 29.\* He has obtained further information as to Capt. F. ; after many refusals by Bonaparte and applications made to him from different quarters, he at last consented to order Capt. F.'s case to be considered by the Council of State, who on 21 March ordered his liberation ; he has just seen Capt. [Thomas] Larkins, whose ship, the Indiaman *Warren*

*Hastings*, was taken from him at the Isle de France, whence he has just arrived ; Larkins was not allowed to see Capt. F., but reports that he was in excellent health and has brought letters from him ; when L. left, no vessels from France had arrived, so there must be delay in giving effect to the order for liberation ; in the last letter he (B.) received from France was enclosed a copy of the order, which he sent immediately to the Admiralty.

*Petrie* <11>

5. Soho Square. 1807 May 22.\* He regrets to hear that Capt. F., who has so long endured his oppression with manly fortitude, has become low-spirited, but hopes this is only temporary ; he is uncertain what opportunities the French have had of sending the order for liberation ; three copies were made to be forwarded to neutrals, but few neutrals are likely to sail from France to the Isle de France, and American ships usually sail from America to India without touching at the islands ; it is therefore probable that the dispatch sent by the Admiralty to Sir Edward Pellew in December, has before this time reached the Island, which he has reason to believe will be attacked by an English force, which gives hope that F. is, or soon will be, set free.

*Petrie* <12>

6. Barking. 1808 Mar. 28. She has received a letter from her husband announcing that orders for his release have arrived last July ; transcribes an extract from Matthew F.'s letter to her, dated 12 Aug. 1807.

*B.M. Add. MS. 32439. 266.*

7. Soho Square. 1808 July 19.\* He concludes that Mrs. F. has received a letter from her husband by way of America ; he (B.) has just received a letter from him stating that he is in good health, though no time has been fixed for his release ; the disobedience to orders by the General [de Caen] cannot be attributed to any other cause than cowardice ; de Caen suspects that Capt. F. is able to give such information to his brother officers in India as might enable them to attack the island, and is therefore resolved not to let him proceed to any place where he may see any of them soon ; the authenticity of the order is acknowledged and the reason given for delaying its execution is the want of an opportunity of sending him home by a ship that will land him in France, and deprive him of the opportunity of instigating an attack upon the island ; he (B.) trusts that F. now has a passage home in a French frigate which may be captured



and brought into a British port ; he has solicited Lord Mulgrave, as he has other Lords of Admiralty, to obtain for F. the rank of Post in his absence, but has always been answered that there is no instance of promoting an officer whilst a prisoner of war, but has no doubt of a favorable consideration for F. from Lord Mulgrave.

*Petrie* <13>

8. Soho Square. 1810 June 12.\* He wishes he could give any encouraging news of Capt. F. ; Government can do nothing in his favour " under the capricious and insolent Government of the Tyrant of France " ; he has left no means untried ; he sent word more than a year ago by a way likely to reach the ears of Bonaparte that nothing but the liberation of F. could induce him to believe that the letters received from Paris were not a deceit, as it seemed impossible that General de Caen would venture to disobey the orders of Bonaparte unless he had secret instructions from France ; there is however a hope : the trade of India has been so seriously injured by vessels from the Isle de France that vigorous measures are to be taken for seizing the Island, and if these succeed, we have the prospect of seeing the Capt. before we expect him.

*Petrie* <14>

9. Revesby Abbey. 1810 Sept. 25.\* He has the infinite satisfaction of announcing that Capt. F. has at last obtained his release and is expected in England in a few weeks and that on arrival he will immediately be made a Post Captain.

*Petrie* <15>

10. Boston, [1810] Sept. 28.\* Lest the letter he recently sent from Revesby to Spilsby has not yet come into Mrs. F.'s hands, he sends this letter to inform her that news of Capt. F.'s liberation has been received by the Admiralty and that he was at the Cape of Good Hope on his way home when the vessel that brought the dispatches sailed ; he adds that Mr. [Charles Philip] Yorke, First Lord, immediately on hearing the news ordered the rank of Post Captain to be given to him.

*Petrie* <16>

**FLINDERS, Matthew, (1774-1814).** Explorer and Hydrographer. (See *B.L.* p. 328).

21. Soho Square. 1800 Nov. 16.\* Regrets his inability to reply to F.'s letter because of ill-health and asks him to call at Soho Square to discuss it.

*Petrie* <1>

22. Soho Square. 1801 Feb. 19.\* Congratulates F. on his appointment as commander of the expedition [to New Holland] ; he considers that the provision of the instruments necessary should be put in hand, but wishes to see F. before making formal application, as the precedent of Vancouver, who had no astronomer, must not be followed, but due economy must be observed ; hopes that F. has by this time been appointed Lieutenant.  
*Petrie* <2>
23. Soho Square. 1801. May 1.\* Acknowledges receipt of F.'s letter enclosing copy of his letter to Nepean, [Sec. of Admiralty] ; he will take care to modify F.'s orders as far as possible to conform to his wishes ; is apprehensive of great danger in tracing a reef on its ocean side where there is no anchorage ; the East India Co. have ordered £1200 to be paid to F. for his Table, but decline to interfere in the manner of dividing it among the officers ; he (B.) thinks that the officers of the Gunroom Mess should have the same sum as is allowed in India, and that the rest should be allowed to the commander as table-money and to those who mess with him, with an allowance to the gardener and miner, as the real reason of the grant is to encourage scientists in the discovery of things useful to the trade of India, and the commander to find new passages.  
*Petrie* <3>
24. H.M.S. Investigator. Oct. 21. The voyage has been prosperous ; has reported Cape of Good Hope. fully to Admiralty and has sent meteorological observations which he hopes will be useful to Major [James] Rennell, [*B.L.* p. 697] ; hopes to proceed early in December as soon as caulking is completed ; he has no news of the arrival of *Lady Nelson* at Port Jackson ; if a convict ship should arrive, will write to Governor King asking him to have *Lady Nelson* ready for service by next April ; fears that the ill-health of Crosby, [astronomer to the expedition] will necessitate leaving him at the Cape ; has learned that *Porpoise* is expected daily. [Received by Banks 22 Jan. 1802. Precedes *B.L.* p. 328, No. 1].  
*B.M. Add. MS.* 32439, 45-46.
25. Soho Square. 1803 Apr. 10.\* B.'s copy, in his handwriting but not signed, of the letter entered as *B.L.* p. 329, No. 4. He must have inadvertently sent his own file copy of the letter to Flinders, retaining the signed original, transcribed in *D.T.C.* 14.55-57. The copy ends with the words " I beg my dear Sir that



you will believe me." The original adds the terminal formula

Your very Faithfull  
Hble Servt  
JOS : BANKS.

*Petrie* <4>

26. Isle of France. 1807 Sept. 1. Announces that his books and papers which were confiscated have been restored to him five weeks after the arrival of the order for his release ; is still without information as to the time and manner of his return ; is sending papers to Banks by way of India ; refers B. to his last letter to Marsden, [Secretary of the Admiralty]. [Received by Banks 14 July, 1809. Follows *B.L.* p. 332, No. 19].

*B.M. Add. MS.* 32439. 256.

27. Isle of France. 1809 Feb. 28. He has seen in the *Moniteur* that the First Lieut. of *Geographe* claims as French the discovery of the S. coast of Australia from the islands of St. Peter and St. Francis to Bass Strait and named it Terre Napoleon ; this is an injustice as the discovery was British and is shown in the charts sent to the Admiralty ; further discussion of false claims to discovery by Baudin's expedition ; hopes that the claims will be repudiated, as he (F.) cannot do so as he is still unjustly kept a prisoner ; renewal of his efforts to have the order for his release put into effect ; has sent his letters by a friendly Frenchman named Desbaynes to whom he has given a letter of recommendation in case of his capture on the voyage by a British ship. [Received by Banks 25 Oct. 1809. Follows *B.L.* p. 332, No. 19].

*B.M. Add. MS.* 32439. 281-282.

28. Isle of France. 1809 Aug. 3. Although ships have arrived from France, no orders as to effecting his liberation have come ; sends this letter and one to the Admiralty by a French cartel conveying British prisoners of war to the Cape ; Baudin promised to deliver his (F.'s) letter to the French Marine, and asks Banks to support it by application to the National Institute. [Received by Banks 22 May 1810].

*B.M. Add. MS.* 32439. 294.

29. Norfolk Hotel. 1810 Oct. 25. Announces his arrival in England ; has seen London. [Charles Philip] Yorke, [First Lord of the Admiralty], also [John Wilson] Croker and [John] Barrow, the Secretaries, about back-dating his promotion as promised by Lord Spencer, on whom he will call ; hopes to visit Banks very soon and relate the history of his detention and liberation.

*B.M. Add. MS.* 32439. 332.

30. Revesby Abbey. 1810 Oct. 31.\* Expresses his sincere satisfaction that F. has at last "escaped from the clutches of French Tyranny" and restored to his own country; is also pleased that the First Lord will rate F.'s discoveries on the scale they deserve, and is sure that all that is consistent with the usages and precedents of his office will be done in F.'s favour; he is returning to London on 7 November, "and long to have the pleasure of shaking you by the hand & congratulating you on your present situation & condoling the Evil you have endured."

Petrie <5>

31. 7 Mary St. 1812 Oct. 1. The Admiralty has printed and circulated in the Navy his memorandum on Magnetism in Ships; thanks Banks for his assistance in printing and distributing the paper of which he encloses a copy; he has also sent a copy to [Joseph] Cotton for the Committee of Shipping of the East India Co.; is now working upon the first volume of his voyage and preparing the charts.

B.M. Add. MS. 32439. 368.

32. Spring Grove. 1813 Aug. 13.\* Returns the proofs of F.'s work [*Voyage to Terra Australis in 1801-3 in H.M.S. Investigator*, London, 1814], he finds nothing of which he disapproves; he thinks this a good beginning ensuring a good ending.

Petrie <6>

33. Soho Square. 1814 Apr. 27.\* Approves the dedication of F.'s book and thinks it entirely proper; grieves to hear of F.'s ill-health. [Flinders died on the very day his book was published, 19 July 1814. The dedication was to Earl Spencer, Earl of St. Vincent and the Hon. Charles Philip York, who respectively held the office of First Lord of Admiralty during the period of Flinders's expedition, his detention and his release. Before publication he added Viscount Melville, who was in office at the time of publication.]

Petrie <7>

The above letters from Add. MS. 32439 belong to the series B.L. pp. 328-332, Nos. 1-20, from which they were inadvertently omitted owing to an error in filing the slips.

**KYD, Robert.** (1746-1793). Army Officer; Founder of the Calcutta Botanic Garden. (See B.L. p. 510.)

22. Soho Square. 1792 May 10.\* The original of the letter, B.L. p. 514, No. 22, calendared from Banks's copy at Kew, is in the Library of the American Philosophical Society of Philadelphia, (Leonard Lyell Album).

Kew, B.C. 2. 60.

**LENNOX, Charles, 3rd Duke of Richmond and Lennox, F.R.S. (1735-1806)**

Master-General of Ordnance. See *B.L.* p. 528.<sup>1</sup>

3. Whitehall. 1786 May 31. The Duke invites B. to a public examination of some of the Gentlemen Cadets at Woolwich on 6 June and subsequently to dinner at the Chocolate House on Black Heath.

*Goodwood Papers*, Box 29.

4. Whitehall. 1792 Apr. 4. The Duke asks that he may be allowed to purchase from the Royal Society "for the use of our Survey . . . the scaffolding employed by the late General Roy for elevating the great Theodolite"; he has desired Major [Edward] Williams to show B. the account he has written of the last year's proceedings; asks for B.'s observations on it before it is copied out fair for the King.

*P.R.O. W.O. 46/21.*

**LONG, Charles, (1768-1838) Statesman; in 1820 created Baron Farnborough.**

1. Soho Square. [1818] June 8\*. Informs him that he has paid to Coutts two subscriptions of 50 gs. each for the Ladies Statue, also the balance in the hands of the Committee for erecting a statue to the late Duke of Bedford after all expenses have been paid; requests him to see that the two subscriptions be entered in the names of Lady Banks and Miss Banks.

*Althorp* <20>

**PEARSON & LOGGAN. (See *B.L.* p. 659).**

3. Soho Square. 1799 Feb. 16\*. Sends two instruments of the Board of Longitude signed by the majority of members; they are dated 13th instant because on the 14th a new promotion of Admirals was made which would have necessitated more signatures; requests them to inform the Astronomer Royal and take his directions on the matter.

*Edinburgh Univ. Library.*

4. [London]. 1799 Apr. 12.\* Buckton, late printer to the Board of Longitude, persists in delaying the printing [*of the Nautical Almanac*] still in his hands; as the matter must be brought to a conclusion, instructs them to inform Buckton that his license will be revoked on 15 May next, and without further orders to serve the notice upon him on that date. [Signed also by Nevil Maskelyne, Astronomer Royal].

*Edinburgh Univ. Library.*

<sup>1</sup> The official copy of No. 2, (*B.L.* p. 529) is in the Public Record Office, W.O. 46/18 (Board of Ordnance, Master-General's Out Letters, Copies). No. 3 is in the West Sussex Record Office, in the Letter Book of the 3rd Duke, and No. 4 is in the same file as No. 2.

**POLLOCK, Sir Jonathan Frederick.** (1783–1870) Barrister, later Judge.

1. Soho Square. 1814 Apl. 16.\* He has seen Lord Sidmouth who gave a friendly reception and proposed that the matter be referred to his confidential, not official, lawyers ; he informed Lord Sidmouth that he wished P. to have an opportunity of communicating with his advisers which he concludes will be done ; asks to be kept informed.

*B.M. Add. MS. 43728. 3.*

There is no clue as to the matter here referred to. The letter is addressed "Frederic Pollock Esq 18 Sergeants inn, Fleet Street."

**RAIMBACH, Abraham.** (1776–1843) Engraver. (See *B.L.* p. 693.)

2. Soho Square. 1803 May 16.\* Directions for lettering ticket for the Ball of the Knights of the Bath to be held at Ranelagh ; George Nicol [*B.L.* p. 639, No. 22] will begin printing on Friday, [May 20]. [The original is in New York Public Library, Duyckinck Coll.]

This letter is in reply to that of Raimbach of even date. (*B.L.* p. 693, No. 1).

**RAMPASSE, Joseph** (fl. 1805–1816) Geologist. (See *B.L.* p. 693.)

3. Soho Square. 1816 Jan. 25.\* The delay in answering R.'s letter is due to the Trustees of the British Museum not yet having considered it ; the cases have been unpacked and the officer, [Charles König], whose duty it is to report has found a variety of Porphyry superior to any now in the Museum, but the iron ores, etc., do not appear to him so interesting ; report will be made to the Trustees at their next meeting, but it may not then be considered owing to much other business ; vases executed in this porphyry would not be saleable to collectors who admire antiques but not modern productions. [Precedes *B.L.* No. 1]

*B.M. Add. MS. 42579, 525–526.*

**SPENCER, George John, 2nd Earl Spencer, F.R.S.** (1758–1834) Statesman and Bibliophile. (See *B.L.* p. 777).

8. Soho Square. 1790 Mar. 31\* Returns thanks for the gift of a manuscript leaf of Pliny.

*Althorp* <1>

9. Soho Square. 1791 Mar. 21\* Expresses pleasure that the book (not named) that he sent is acceptable to the Althorp Library ; Lord S. having offered in exchange the Aldus Dioscorides of 1489, states that as the cost of his gift was trifling he wishes for no return.

*Althorp* <2>



10. Soho Square. 1791 June 1.\* Invites Lord S. to dine with him and a party of literary friends amongst whom is Sir William Hamilton who has provided a *Sumen* from Naples ; quotes Martial, Plautus and Pliny on *Sumen*.

*Althorp* <3>

11. Soho Square. [1797 Nov. 12]\* Acknowledges a paper by Dr. Della Lena which he considers " a most arrant Quack advertisement " ; encloses his reply to the author to be sealed and dispatched if approved.

*Althorp* <4>

12. Soho Square. 1799 May 6\* Lord Bessborough is to replace Lord S. as a manager of the Royal Institution, but requests the latter to continue until the Charter is sealed, after which Lord Winchelsea will also be elected ; the Institution prospers in finance and in increased membership and the purchase of the house is assured ; Count Rumford " has of late kept himself intirely in the background."

*Althorp* <5>

13. Soho Square. 1799 May 9.\* Acknowledges draft for £50, Lord S.'s subscription to the R. Institution ; Hoppner the painter has been proposed by Lord Ossory and seconded by Lord Macartney as a member of The Club, to represent Art like Sir Joshua Reynolds ; anticipates much opposition.

*Althorp* <6>

14. Soho Square. 1800 Dec. 14.\* It has been resolved by the Trustees of the British Museum that the meetings of the Standing Committee shall in future be held at two o'clock instead of at twelve ; he is about to recommend Ferdinand Bauer as Botanical Painter to the expedition [of Matthew Flinders] as the post has been declined by Alexander because of his wife's health.

*Althorp* <7>

15. Soho Square. 1802 Apr. 1.\* Invites Lord S. to attend a meeting in B.'s house to consider a memorial to the late Duke of Bedford. [Lord S.'s reply is in *B.L.* p. 778, No. 4].

*Althorp* <8>

16. [Soho Square. 1802 Dec. 13].\* Sends a journal of the voyage of the French Expedition ; from this it appears that Baudin is too cautious in approaching the shore to make a good navigator, and the commander of the *Naturaliste* too little inclined to keep company to give the principal much assistance.

*Althorp* <9>

17. Soho Square. 1804 Mar. 21.\* Presents a collection of Canal plans to add to those already in Lord S.'s possession.

*Althorp* <10>

18. Soho Square. 1806 May 18\* On visiting the Transport Office, he finds that Capt. Milius has obtained his passport and has written to inform him of his good fortune [See *B.L.* p. 611, No. 3] ; Milius was on board the discovery ships on the coast of New Holland ; he wishes to obtain the release of the Rev. Mr. Egerton<sup>1</sup>; asks for an appointment to discuss the matter.

*Althorp* <21>

19. Office for Trade. [1806 Nov. 24]\* Asks for appointment for interview. [Endorsed by Lord S. "Appointed him for tomorrow at 12½."]

*Althorp* <25>

20. Soho Square. 1808 May 16. Returns the Act of Parliament [relating to the trade in hides and leather], but does not approve all of its provisions, especially those establishing a severe code of penalties on one class of persons for the benefit of another ; the conflict between the butchers and bootmakers ; the former have no direct access to legislators whilst the latter, in supplying them with fashionable boots, can justify their increased charges.

*Althorp* <11>

21. Soho Square. 1809 July 31\*. Sends particulars of the sale of the King's sheep [on 26 July] ; 40 rams and 60 ewes fetched £3998 in all ; average maximum prices paid ; absence of those who attended the Duke of Bedford's Sheep-Shearing ; has secured some of the best sheep for Lord S., whose bailiff, [Thomas Vials] made the choice ; hears that 1500 more sheep have arrived in bad condition, they are part of the flock procured by Cochran Johnston, [see *B.L.* 477], namely 12,000 sheep in all—4,000 for the King and 8,000 for himself ; understands they will be landed to-day and put in St. James's Park ; Lord Camden wished to buy a ram with a price-limit of 20 gs., but none was sold for less than 25 gs.

*Althorp* <12>

22. Soho Square. 1809 Sept. 2\* Regrets he is unable at present to allot any sheep as the ewes are heavy with lamb ; will do his best when the time for distribution arrives ; the next importation is at Seville and he is requesting the transports to embark them at St. Lucar, which saves driving them nearly 100 miles.

*Althorp* <13>

<sup>1</sup> Probably the Rev. John Egerton (1749–1825) who succeeded in 1825 as 9th Baronet.



23. Soho Square. 1810 June 17.\* Returns thanks for Lord S.'s generous contribution to the fund for the family of [George] Gilpin, [clerk to the Royal Society who died in 1810] ; the main flock of Merino sheep, at least 3,000 in number, has not fallen into the hands of the French ; the Treasury has advanced £600 for their keep ; hopes soon to receive a supply and will then be able to replenish Lord S.'s flock ; at Lord Holland's sale an ewe and lamb sold for 98 gs., and a ram has been let for the season for 142 gs., and another for 107 gs.

*Althorp* <14>

24. Soho Square. 1811 Feb. 12\* The arrival of a cargo of the King's Merino sheep renders it necessary to collect a rate on those already delivered, to repay the sum advanced by the Treasury ; applies for £15. 18. 0 for six sheep at £2. 13. 0 per head. [Printed facsimile of B.'s handwriting with blanks for the date and sums of money which are inserted in ink.]

*Althorp* <15>

25. Soho Square. 1811 Feb. 13\* He has corrected the mistake in the account ; is now less fettered than formerly and hopes to restore Lord S.'s flock to its original state ; has just received another flock from Spain, but all except five were rams ; hopes to meet Lord S. at the Committee at the British Museum.

*Althorp* <16>

26. Soho Square. 1812 June 29\* Recommends his friend Dr. [William Henry] Fitton who is about to set up in medical practice in Northampton.

*Althorp* <17>

27. [Soho Square. 1814 Mar. 18]\* Dr. Tiarks has finished his abstract of the contents of " your Lordship's curious Black Letter " ; the document is Letters Patent from Maximilian to all his archbishops and bishops empowering them to confer a badge on all ranks and admit them into the Order of Crowned Knights who are to make a Crusade against the Turks then pressing on the frontiers of Hungary ; the Order is otherwise totally unknown ; suggests that Dr. Tiarks should call and explain this precious book which is of great rarity, unknown to scholars and nowhere quoted.

*Althorp* <18>.

28. Soho Square. 1815 July 14\* Returns thanks for the gift of the 4th volume of Lord S.'s Library Catalogue. [*Bibliotheca Spenceriana*, by Thomas Frognal Dibdin, 4 vols., 1814-1815].

*Althorp* <19>.

The Correspondence of the second Earl Spencer is preserved in the Muniment Room at Althorp. The present Earl has kindly permitted copies to be made. Most of the letters here summarized are in the files of correspondence during his period of office as First Lord of the Admiralty, 1794-1801. The remainder are from the files for his period of office as Home Secretary, 1806-1807. The letters are not numbered, but for convenience of reference, numbers in angular brackets have been assigned to them.

Althorp <22> is the original of *B.L.* p. 778, No. 5 calendared from *D.T.C.* 16, 312-313; No. <23> is a clerk's copy of *B.L.* p. 581, No. 20; No. <24> is the original of *B.L.* p. 778, No. 7 from *D.T.C.* 16, 317.

**THORNTON, William** (1759-1828) Physician.

2. Soho Square. 1786 Mar. 31\* Returns thanks for the gift of a mineral; sends seeds of Alexandrian Senna as desired; hopes that T. will be successful in raising the plants to supply the London market which is now dependent on foreigners.

This letter is the reply to that in *B.L.* p. 818, No. 1 which I have wrongly attributed to Robert John Thornton, and the heading should be corrected as above. This Dr. Thornton is William, and his correspondence and papers are in the Library of Congress, Washington, from Vol. 1 of which the above letter is abstracted. It is addressed to "Dr. William Thornton, Tortola, West Indies," and is endorsed "Rec<sup>d</sup> June 25th 1786." The date in *B.L.* No. 1 should be corrected from [1796 ?] to [1786].

William Thornton was born in Tortola, lived most of his life and died there. He came to Scotland in 1782 and graduated M.D. at Aberdeen 23 Nov. 1784, returning to Tortola early in 1786. His papers include his diaries from 1777 to 1782 and 17 vols., of correspondence, chiefly with men of science.

**TURNER, Dawson, F.R.S.** (1775-1858). Banker, Botanist and Antiquary. (See *B.L.* p. 834.)

3. Soho Square. 1800 Dec. 6\* Returns thanks for the gift of a keg of herrings; offers the free use of his library as it at all times gives pleasure to himself and to Dryander to provide every facility for students of Natural History.

*T.C.C. O.* 13. 1. 157

4. Soho Square. 1801 Dec. 3.\* He has been expecting [Lewis Weston] Dillwyn to look over the Fuci in his Herbarium on Turner's behalf; he is pleased to hear that T. is undertaking to write an account of the British species, [*Synopsis of British Fuci*, 2 vols., 1802]; he hopes the Linnean Society will soon obtain its charter, but the legal delay has caused the loss of William Pulteney's Legacy to the Society which was conditional on its incorporation.

*T.C.C. O.* 13. 1. 208.

5. Soho Square. 1802 Jan. 25\* He considers T.'s proficiency in Botany entitles him to election to the Royal Society; explains the procedure for candidature and invites T. to Soho Square when he will

introduce him to Fellows of the R.S. who have similar pursuits ; it is not customary for the President to sign the certificates of candidates.

T.C.C. O. 13. 2. 6.

6. Soho Square. 1802 May 13.\* Returns thanks for the gift of T.'s book, [*Synopsis*, see No. 4] and for the specimens sent with it which are new to his Herbarium ; asks T. for the names of those of his friends, who will support his candidature at the Royal Society.

T.C.C. O. 13. 2. 25.

7. Soho Square. 1802 May 20.\* He has seen T's friends and has obtained the signatures on his certificate of Sir Thomas Cullum, Major Rennell, Charles Greville and Dr. Maton. [Turner was elected F.R.S. 9 Dec. 1802].

T.C.C. O. 13. 2. 21.

8. Soho Square. 1803 Jan. 12\* Returns thanks for the gift of Christmas parcel ; urges him to keep his (B.'s) specimens of Fuci as long as he needs them ; he has received a seaweed from China which on analysis proves to consist wholly of starch and promises to provide specimens ; he has been confined to his room for seven weeks.

T.C.C. O. 13. 2. 117.

9. Soho Square. 1803 Feb. 7\* Returns thanks for the gift of two Brent Geese which were excellent eating ; comments on the matrimonial affairs of "our old Friend the General", [Charles Vallancey] ; Wilford has been elected a Foreign Member of the French Institute.

T.C.C. O. 13. 2. 135.

10. Soho Square. 1803 Mar. 26.\* He has sent specimens of *Fucus* and *Ulva* to T. by the Yarmouth coach ; begs him to retain them as he will not require their return before Christmas ; gives him permission to keep all duplicates for himself.

T.C.C. O. 13. 2. 149.

11. Soho Square. 1803 May 1.\* Returns thanks for the gift of a copy of T.'s *Synopsis* bound by [John Dawson] Downes of Yarmouth and of T.'s reprint of John Ives's work, [*Remarks on the Garianonum of the Romans*, 1803] ; comments on an ancient map in the archives of Yarmouth Corporation ; adverse criticism of [Charles] Vallancey's etymologies. [See *B.L.* p. 834, No. 1].

T.C.C. O. 13. 2. 165.

12. Soho Square. 1803 July 28.\* In spite of the conduct of the French, he asks T.'s assistance, in the interests of science, in procuring the release of the copper plates belonging to Pieter Camper's son which

were captured at sea [by a Yarmouth vessel] ; if the captors are inclined to negotiate, he will advance the money for any reasonable price agreed upon and send the plates to France by a neutral ship. [See *B.L.* p. 323, No. 20.]

*T.C.C. O.* 13. 2. 193.

13. Soho Square. 1803 Aug. 13\* Thanks T. for his assistance in the matter of the captured plates ; is pleased that Mr. Friday is handling the matter so that no further interference by T. or himself is necessary.

*T.C.C. O.* 13. 2. 199.

14. Soho Square. 1805 Jan. 2\* [Dated in error 1804]. There is no rule in the conduct of his library that prevents the borrowing of books ; he is sending a parcel containing those asked for by T. ; returns thanks for specimens of Roth's plants, a useful addition to his Herbarium ; he will be pleased to receive T.'s cousin and to show him every civility. [This is the reply to *B.L.* p. 834, No. 2].

*T.C.C. O.* 13. 3. 91.

15. Soho Square. [1805 Feb.—]\* Sends specimens of a Chinese *Ulva* which when dissolved in warm water makes a paste or glue ; he thinks this property worth exploiting to save the expense and waste of wheat-flour used in the manufacture of paste ; he believes this to be the only gelatine of vegetable origin. [Many red Algae have the property of producing agar when dissolved in water, which can be used as a glue : the specimen here referred to is probably a species of *Gelidium* or of *Gracilaria*] ; he has hopes of the recovery of the King.

*T.C.C. O.* 13. 3. 109.

16. Soho Square. 1806 May 2.\* Assures T. that he may keep the specimens of Fuci, *Ulvae* and *Confervae* from his Herbarium as long as he requires them ; he rejoices that a bookseller, [Messrs. John and Arthur Arch], has been found to undertake the publication of T.'s large work on Fuci.

*T.C.C. O.* 13. 4. 61.

17. Soho Square. 1806 June 28.\* Regrets that owing to an attack of gout he was unable to go to Holkham ; [Franz Andreas] Bauer is now investigating and painting diseases in corn, [MS. at Kew : *Diseases of Cereals*] ; when this work is finished Bauer may be induced to take up Fuci if specimens can be sent to him in salt water.

*T.C.C. O.* 13. 4. 88.



18. Soho Square. 1811 Feb. 20.\* The death of the Astronomer Royal, [The Rev. Nevil Maskelyne] and the appointment of his successor has occupied much of his time ; discusses netting for protecting fruit-trees, etc., and thinks that fishing nets no longer fit for use at sea could be repaired for garden use, and that old women could make a comfortable living in this way.

T.C.C. O. 13. 9. 10.

19. Soho Square. 1811 Mar. 31.\* Thanks T. for his efforts in procuring the netting which suits his purpose well ; discusses the etymology of *Cockle*, derived from a Teutonic word ; the Dutch formerly came to Norfolk and kept retail shops for the sale of Lent wares and fish ; he quotes Thomas Tusser [*Hundreth Goode Pointes in Husbandrie*, 1557] ; he has received Hooker's book on Iceland but thinks that H.'s recollections of the Revolution are at fault, and that there is too much Botany for a general reader and not enough for botanists ; he has received plates of H.'s *Jungermanniae*, [finished and published in 1816] which he commends ; he has advised H. to give up his intention of going to Ceylon ; he has seen little of Gerard, [F. Giraud, See *B.L.* p. 358] who has come to England to obtain a Patent invented by another man for a method of preserving meat.

T.C.C. O. 13. 9. 24.

20. Soho Square. 1811 Dec. 19.\* Returns thanks for the gift of a palatable dish, (not named) ; description of a vegetable called by Americans and West Indians "Squash", [*Cucurbita moschata*] ; he has advised Hooker to insert a map of Iceland in his new edition, especially as Sir G. M. [Sir George Steuart Mackenzie, *Travels in Iceland*, 1811] has omitted to do so, [cf. *B.L.* p. 422, No. 10] ; a copy of Acharius's work, [*Lichenographia*, 1810] is in the hands of [George Jasper] Lyon who would probably lend it to Borrer ; asks T. to convey to Mrs. Merry, [Elizabeth, wife of Anthony Merry, then Envoy to U.S.A.], his thanks for articles sent from North America.<sup>1</sup>

T.C.C. O. 13. 9. 59.

21. Soho Square. 1814 Jan. 10.\* He is in good health "legs excepted" ; he has been so long deprived of the use of them as to have no regrets ; gout returns less frequently and is dispelled by Eau Medicinale ; he has entertained T.s' friend, Mr. Taylor ; hopes for the return of peace and the renewal of correspondence with foreign friends ; sends greetings to Hooker whom he suspects to be contemplating marriage. [Hooker married in 1815 T.'s eldest daughter].

T.C.C. O. 13. 11. 5.

<sup>1</sup> See *B.L.* p. 608 and insert the dates of Anthony Merry, (1755-1835).

22. Soho Square. 1817 May 4.\* Laver, Dutsh and Tangle, edible seaweeds, are used by the Scots and Irish ; he thinks that many other species might make a useful aliment if suitably prepared and suggests experimenting with Common Sea-wrack simmered for 30 hours.

T.C.C. O. 13. 13. 61.

23. Soho Square. 1817 July 16.\* Returns thanks for an abnormal shilling which has been placed in his sister's coin collection ; he will enquire about it at the Mint,; acknowledges a script in an unknown character which he has placed in the hands of [Sir Charles] Wilkins the Sanscrit scholar ; laments the misfortunes of Dr. Able, [Clarke Abel] in China and the loss of his collections.

T.C.C. O. 13. 14. 13.

24. Soho Square. [1817] July 26.\* He recommended Dr. [Joseph] Arnold to Sir Thomas [Stamford] Raffles as a suitable person to proceed to Sumatra ; the amount of his emolument is not settled as the Chairman [of the East India Co., John Bebb,] wished to fix a salary, but Raffles prefers to have the power to remunerate him according to his services ; he thinks that [George] Psalmanazar's *History of Formosa*, [1704], might throw light on the unknown script ; mentions Charles Vallancey, whom he has missed "since he set out on his journey to Kingdom Come," [he died in 1812] ; Dr. Sickler<sup>1</sup> has been brought to England to unroll the Herculaneum Papyri ; though his first attempts were not successful, he wishes him better fortune in his further efforts.

T.C.C. O. 13. 14. 24.

25. Soho Square. 1817 Nov. 29.\* Returns thanks for gift of herrings ; he has had a kind of red herring procured from Canterbury ; mentions the decrease in the ice on the coast of Greenland, [see *B.L.* p. 739, Nos. 4-6], and hopes this will have a beneficial effect on the English climate ; he thinks it probable that ships will be fitted out to seek the N.W. passage.

T.C.C. O. 13. 14. 125.

26. Soho Square. 1819 Sept. 21\* Returns thanks for gift of herrings ; his health has improved after suffering from jaundice for three months during which time there was no return of gout, but it came on afterwards and was cured in one night by taking Colchicum ; he has just obtained from Denmark a book on Fuci and fresh-water Cryptogams which he now presents to T. as he had

<sup>1</sup> Dr. Friederich Carl Ludwig Sickler, (1773-1836) a German archaeologist, was engaged to treat, by chemical methods, some of the 18 rolls presented to the Prince Regent. In the course of his experiments seven rolls were completely destroyed.



received a second copy as a gift. [The book is *Tentamen Hydrophytologiae Danicae*, by Hans Christian Lyngbye, Hafniae, 1819].

T.C.C. O. 13. 19. 73.

The foregoing letters from part of the Dawson Turner correspondence, bound in order of date in 82 volumes, presented to Trinity College, Cambridge, in 1891 by his last surviving daughter, Eleanor Jane (1811-1893), widow of Dr. William Jacobson, Bishop of Chester.

During the period covered by the present letters, 1800 to 1819, Turner's principal interest was Botany, and he was then at work, first, on his *Synopsis of British Fuci*, (1802) and then on his large monograph, *Fuci*, in 4 vols., quarto, to aid in which Banks placed the specimens in his own Herbarium at Turner's disposal and sent them to his house in Yarmouth where they were retained for some years and eventually returned to Soho Square.

The volumes of Turner Correspondence are not numbered; the references are accordingly to the press-marks, with the serial number of each letter in the respective volumes.

**VINCENT, Very Rev. William** (1729-1815) Dean of Westminster.

1. Soho Square. 1804 Mar. 7.\* Returns thanks for the loan of a memoir on the ancient map preserved in the church of San Michele, Murano; he doubts the position of Cape Diab, but concludes that as the Portugese were exploring the western coast of Africa during the second half of the 15th century, the latitude of the cape will afford a clue as to the date of the map.

*Blofield Coll.*<sup>1</sup>

The map referred to is the circular map of the world by Fra Mauro, completed in 1459, for many years kept in the Church of San Michele but now in the Biblioteca Marciana. The memoir is that of Placido Zurla, entitled *Il Mappamondo di Fra Mauro camaldolese*, Venice, 1806. The Dean of Westminster evidently had the proofs or an advance copy of the work, which he lent to Banks. The map shows an open sea passage to the south of Africa, with a large island called Diab approximately in the position of Madagascar. I am indebted to R. A. Skelton, Esq., Keeper of the Map Room, B.M., for this information.

**WEDDERBURN, Alexander, Baron Loughborough**, afterwards first Earl of Rosslyn. (1733-1805). Lord Chancellor. (See *B.L.* p. 862.)

3. [London]. 1794 Mar. 2. Offers to Banks the disposal of the benefice of Barrow-on-Humber, but stipulates that residence is a condition; relies on B.'s good judgement in the choice of a Vicar, especially now that he holds the Office of High Sheriff.

*B.M. (N.H.) Banks Corr.* 187.

4. [Soho Square]. 1794 Mar. 3.\* Returns thanks for the offer made and agrees that whenever possible it is proper to enforce residence; in the present case, however, he had intended to nominate the Rev. Caley [Cayley] Illingworth, but which he cannot do if the condition is unalterable as he resides on his living of Scampton,

<sup>1</sup> An album of autograph letters brought together by two or more generations of the family of T. R. C. Blofield, Esq., of Hoveton House, Wroxham, Norfolk. A. N. L. Munby Esq., Librarian of King's College, Cambridge, kindly obtained for me a photograph of the letter.

This letter is in the third person, and the Dean is not named.

25 miles south of Barrow ; in a case of plurality, if Lord L. is satisfied if the incumbent resides on one of the livings, Illingworth will be unexceptionable.

*B.M. (N.H.) Banks Corr. 188.*

The Rev. Cayley Illingworth (1758-1823) was of Pembroke College, Cambridge, M.A., D.D.; Rector of Scampton and afterwards Archdeacon of Stowe. He was an antiquary, and published *Account of the Parish of Scampton in the County of Lincoln and of the Roman Antiquities discovered there*, 1808.

